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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL, Dec. 2 -- Reaching the 1,000-point plateau in a woman's basketball career is quite an accomplishment. Nancy Kassebaum (Belleville-East) has earned an elite position on the Eastern Illinois University scoring ladder in just slightly more than two years.

The 5-6 junior guard entered the 1981-82 campaign, Nov. 27-28 in the Thanksgiving Invitational at Missouri-St. Louis, with 996 points. Nancy scored the 1,000th point of her Panther career on her fifth shot against Missouri-Rolla, last Friday morning. She led EIU with 22 points in the 88-51 quarterfinal victory, 17 against Belmont (Tenn.) College in semi-final action as Eastern nipped the Rebelettes, 52-48 last Saturday morning and 12 against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in a 73-55 championship victory last Saturday night.

Nancy ranks third on the all-time EIU women's basketball scoring list with 1,047 points. . . Joanne Archer and Linda Ellsworth scored 1,256 and 1,517 respectively in four-year careers (1977-81).

"She's an incredible player," commented Eastern's third-year coach Barbara "Bobbie" Hilke recently. "Nancy is an exceptional all-around student-athlete. She is also our leader in assists (368 career) and steals (305 career); just a phenomenal individual. We feel Nancy deserves to be an All-American this season."

Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kassebaum, 20 Eastland Drive, Belleville, IL.

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